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A SPANISH man of war, of 50 guns, called the Jean, was totally loſt in the Bay of Biſcay the 25th ult. in a violent gale of wind, and all the crew were drowned, except one boy, who ſaved himſelf upon a raft, till taken up by a Portugueſe ſhip.

Near 1000 ſeamen came home in the Leviathan ſtore ſhip (late a 70 gun ſhip) and other tranſports from New York; they belonged to the King's ſhips that were loſt or ſunk in America; and, from there being no want of ſeamen at New York, were ſent home to man the ſhips here.

They write from the Hague, that the ſtates are augmenting their garriſons, barrier towns, and making other augmentations in their forces both by ſea and land, with no other view than to prevent their being forced to take any part of the hoſtile proceedings of any of the neighbouring powers in the iſlands or the continent. This, ſay theſe advices, is the certain fact.

The preparations making by the Dutch need ſtrike no alarm; they are not near ſo capital as what they made in the year 1762, when our rupture commenced with Spain. In the preſent poſture of affairs they would be unpardonable not to make defenſive preparations. Self-preſervation ſo far juſtifies the meaſure, that none of the neighbouring powers can take offence.

They write from Amſterdam, that the directors of the Dutch Eaſt India company had reſolved to ſend four more ſhips to their ſettlements in the Eaſt Indies than went laſt year; one of which is for the purpoſe of carrying military ſtores.

The Neptune, Hudſon, from Limerick to Penſacola, with proviſions for the garriſon, is taken by L'Amphitrite, a French frigate of 52 guns, and carried into Breſt.

Extract of a letter from Marſeilles, *November* 17.

"The chamber of commerce hath deputed two merchants to court to make a remonſtrance on there being no ſquadron or ſome frigates in the Straits, to prevent the Engliſh from intercepting our American merchant ſhips."

An account is received that two French frigates, of 36 guns each, and a ſchooner, have taken and burnt in the North Seas ſeveral large ſhips from Archangel and Onega; one of which is the Reſolution of Sunderland.

So very great is the buſineſs now at the admiralty, that the extra clerks there exceed in number thoſe on the eſtabliſhment.

The want of ſeamen is the only obſtacle to the ſending out the Mediterranean fleet: The ſucceſs of the privateers has drawn off a number of men who would otherwiſe have entered into the navy.

The Spaniards have, by all accounts, prepared ſuch a force as to defy, if not to attack us: This has been known for ſome months. There was a time when neither the French nor Spaniards would have dared to continue ſuch extenſive preparation after ſo many repeated remonſtrances. The Dutch are in all likelihood preparing to brave us too. What theſe things will end time only can diſcover.

The innkeepers in general are much diſtreſſed by the breaking up of the camps, but ſeveral of the ſmalleſt publick houſes in the by-roads are nearly ruined by the number of ſoldiers quartered upon them; the little village of Ellſtree, in Hertfordſhire, had on Monday more men of the 69th regiment than the whole place contained beds; and in the houſes they were under the neceſſity of ſtrewing ſtraw in every room, in which the poor fellows were glad to take their reſt.

A correſpondent, who appears to be one of the minority, declares he thinks the only hopes this nation can entertain of a change of men are to be derived from patience: To repreſent, to remonſtrate, is ineffectual; the bitter fruits of their folly and wickedneſs muſt in time raiſe averſion and deteſtation throughout the kingdom. We have long found millions laviſhed in an ill-adviſed and worſe conducted war in America; we have ſeen our fleets and armies diſgraced by inactivity, and the commanders returning with nothing but a great fortune, to ſhow they have been employed in the ſervice of their country. Our trade is almoſt ruined; thouſands of our manufacturers are ſtarving with their families; our public credit ſunk to the loweſt ſtate. We are involved in a war with France, and of courſe ſhall be ſoon with Spain; our Weſt India iſlands, if not gone, are at the mercy of the enemy; the Miniſtry have themſelves as little hopes for the ſafety and welfare of their country as the oppoſition; and theſe men are ſtill to conduct our affairs, and navigate the veſſel through this ſurrounding ſtorm. The hour of ſinking cannot then be far off, unleſs ſome abler hand is put at the helm. This ſituation muſt alarm the crew, and every man will preſently cry out for a new pilot.

An anecdote of King William the Third, *of glorious memory.*

Duke Hamilton, who loſt his life in Hyde Park, frequently telling his Majeſty of the great importance of the Scottiſh nation, which at laſt gave umbrage to the King; his Majeſty one day replied to the Duke in this manner: "My Lord Duke, for God's ſake let me hear no more of this ſubject, for I ſincerely wiſh that the kingdom of Scotland was 900 leagues ſeparated from England, and that your Grace was King of it, with all my ſoul.

How happy it would have been for England, if George III. agreed in opinion with that great and good King, whoſe known characteriſtic was, he was ever ready to receive petitions and remonſtrances from his faithful ſubjects, he read them with patience, and, King-like, relieved them with pleaſure. On a remonſtrance being preſented ſome time ſince by the Lord Mayor of London, &c. to his preſent Majeſty; they received the following for anſwer thereto: "I am always ready to hear, and happy to redreſs every complaint of my people. I take the remonſtrance and addreſs as a reflection on myſelf, injurous, to my Parliament, and utterly irreconcileable to every principle of the conſtitution. I never ſhall infringe on the liberty of my ſubjects, and I will take care they never ſhall invade the prerogative of my crown."

I dare announce, that William III. would not have ſuffered ſuch an anſwer to have proceeded from him, it being his Majeſty's great deſire of reigning in the hearts of his people, the beſt and moſt ſolid ſecurity for any Prince, far ſuperiour to flatterers and ſtanding armies.

GAMING ANECDOTE.

One evening laſt ſpring, while the Count D'Artois, and the Duke de Chartres, were playing very deep with General Smith at Paris, a petition was brought up from the widow of a French officer, ſtating her various misfortunes, and praying relief; a plate was handed round, and each put in one, two, or three louis d'ors apiece; but, when it was held to General Smith, who was juſt going to throw for a ſtake of five hundred louis d'ors, he ſaid, "ſtop a moment, if you pleaſe, ſir; here goes for the widow!" He threw, was ſucceſsful, and inſtantly ſwept the whole into the plate, and ſent it down to her. The above anecdote is a fact, and therefore deſerves to be recorded, in honour of the *benevolent gameſter.*

BASSETERRE, APRIL 17.

THURSDAY morning laſt arrived at Old Road, from St. Lucia, his Majeſty's ſhips Medway of 74, Boyne 68, Venus of 36, Diamond of 32, and the Tobago (late the Governour Trumbul) of 22.

Yeſterday arrived here, the privateer ſchooner Greyhound, Capt. Kerie, who brought in a Virginia ſchooner loaded with 36 hogſheads of tobacco, ſtaves, ſhingles, &c. from James river bound to St. Euſtatia.

Yeſterday arrived the ſloop that went expreſs to St. Lucia, by her we hear, that one of the French 80 gun ſhips had run on ſhore the day they came out of Port Royal, on Admiral Byron's given them chaſe, but do not know whether ſhe got off or not, and ſome ſay it is impoſſible for her to get off, as the ſea is continually running high at that place, being near a point of land where the current and wind meets directly againſt each other.

By her, alſo, we learn, that the packet was arrived at Barbados, who brings an account that the brave Admiral Kepple was honourably acquitted.

BOSTON, APRIL 15.

THE Dutch underſtand their own intereſt. They are good allies to Britain, but love themſelves better than their old allies. They ſee England unable to maintain its power over America, and are willing to come in for a ſlice of the plumb pudding, the American trade. They ſtand ready, it is ſaid, to make a treaty of commerce with us upon the faireſt terms. This ſtrengthens us, and weakens our adverſary. We ſtand upon good ground in a treaty of accommodation, if we know how to improve it. Union, diſcretion, and firmneſs may ſoon make us one of the moſt reſpectable and happy nations upon earth.

Two days ago a veſſel arrived at Newbury-Port, in 37 days, from Bilboa, in Spain. She brought a great number of letters. From thoſe that have been opened, we can only learn, that Admiral Keppel was likely to be acquitted with honour, by the Court-Martial appointed to enquire into his conduct in the naval engagement of laſt ſummer: That there had been a great ſtorm upon the coaſt of England, and much damage done to the men of war, and merchantmen, in the Downs, and other places: That great naval preparations were ſtill going on in the ports of Spain, as well as France. We can find no mention of peace, nor do the letters ſpeak of any number of men of war, or land forces, bound to the American continent.

To the advices brought by the veſſel from Bilboa, we may add; that the Parliament of Britain had voted 20,000 men this year for America; that Governour Johnſtone was ſtrenuous for perſevering in the diſign of conquering America, but that his brother commiſſioner, Eden, oppoſed him, and ſaid it was impoſſible.

A letter from a Gentleman of character at the Southward, mentions, that the American commiſſioners at Paris have been empowered by Congreſs finally to adjuſt terms of accommodation on the part of theſe ſtates, through the mediation of Spain.

A letter from a Gentleman of obſervation in the Weſt Indies, acquaints, that France and Britain are continually augmenting their forces in that quarter, which is now like to prove the chief theatre of war on this ſide the atlantick; ſo that ſhould no accommodation take place, North America may ſoon have a comparative peace.

It is highly probable that France and Spain would chooſe to eſtabliſh the independence of America, without a general war, if it could be avoided; and it is evident enough Great Britain dreads the conſequence of ſuch a war. She has therefore not only acquieſced in, but courted the mediatory negociation of Spain, through the winter. In her diſpute with Spain about the affairs of Faulklands-Iſland, ſhe condeſcended to accept the interpoſition of France; in her preſent diſpute with America and France, ſhe is brought ſo low as to invite the mediation of the Spaniſh branch of the Houſe of Bourbon.

It is ſaid that ſome diſtinguiſhed members of the minority in England, have lately not only had permiſſion, but the deſire of Lord North to paſs over to France in a private manner, to ſound the American commiſſioners reſpecting the ultimate demands of the ſtates they repreſent.

NEW YORK, MAY 1.

ON Thurſday laſt arrived his Majeſty's ſhip Galatea, Capt. Jordan, and brought in a cutter carrying 16 guns, commanded by Captain Cunningham, who has diſtinguiſhed himſelf on many occaſions, without any commiſſion; he took two packets bound from Harwich to Holland, acts of piracy which occaſioned his outlawry: He afterwards commanded privateers in the European, Weſt India, and North American ſeas. Cunningham was a notable cruiſer in the Weſt Indies, giving intelligence to the Count d'Eſtaing of the motions of the Britiſh fleet. The cutter is named the Revenge.

The Grantham packet was attacked on her approach to Sandy Hook by a rebel ſchooner from Egg Harbour, which, after being pelted with ſome well leveled ſhot, was obliged to ſheer off.

Extract of a letter from London, *dated March* 3.

"The reinforcements for America will be very ample; 2000 men are going to the Weſt Indies, where a grand puſh will be made, the militia will be encamped as laſt year, no dread of an invaſion, and reſt aſſured the independence of America *will not be acknowledged* by Great Britain while ſhe exiſts as a nation. News of decided ſucceſſes are expected from the Eaſt Indies. You may be aſſured that the ſeveral regiments of loyaliſts raiſed in America ſince the commencement of the rebellion are eſtabliſhed, with rank and half pay.

CHATHAM *(New Jerſey)* May 4.

WE hear from undoubted authority from New York, that four regiments of the enemy are actually embarked for ſea, and from circumſtances, it is thought that a general embarkation will ſhortly take place.

Extract of a letter from General Schuyler *to General* Waſhington, *dated* Albany, *April* 27, 1779

"Laſt night Capt. Graham, of Van Scaick's, delivered me deſpatches from that officer, adviſing me of the ſucceſs of the troops of the United States, under his command on the enterpriſe againſt Onondaga.

The ſecrecy, diſpatch and propriety with which Col. Van Scaick had executed his orders, do him great honour, and he is highly ſatisfied with the conduct of the officers and troops that accompanied him on the expedition."

Saturday laſt arrived at Boſton, a packet-boat, 39 days from Breſt; ſhe ſailed a few hours after receiving her orders and deſpatches from the court; ſhe brought very few private letters but large deſpatches for Congreſs, and the Miniſter of France at Philadelphia, which will probably determine the arrangements of Europe for the enſuing ſummer, and the iſſue of the negociations of the Marquis d'Almodavar, the Spaniſh Ambaſſodour at London. Theſe deſpatches were immediately forwarded with a proper guard, to Philadelphia. By this packet, which left Breſt the beginning of March, we learn, that the armaments of France, our good ally, were going on ſtill with rapidity and ſucceſs; that the ſpirit of the nation was high, and their cruiſers againſt the Britiſh ſucceſsful; particularly that two men of war of the line, lately meeting with two Britiſh cruiſers of 18 and 20 guns, had taken one and ſunk the other; that the navigation of the French and Americans was much more ſafe and unmoleſted in the European ſeas, than it had been, by the capture of many Britiſh armed veſſels; particularly that the Bay of Biſcay had for ſome time been free, in a manner, from their cruiſers; that the armaments of Spain were continued with equal earneſtneſs with thoſe of France, ſo that ſhould no accommodation take place the whole Spaniſh naval power would be in a condition to act the enſuing ſummer.

Two days before the above packet left Breſt, five ſhips of the line, and a number of frigates, with ſome troops, ſailed for the Weſt Indies, as an additional reinforcement to the Count d'Eſtaing: and ſome time before ſeven ſail of the line, with tranſports, and a proportion of frigates, and 6000 troops, had gone from France to the Eaſt Indies.

CHARLESTOWN, APRIL 30.

BY intelligence given by ſeveral deſerters and American priſoners arrived lately from Georgia, it would appear the enemy are preparing for the removal of part of their forces. Their troops are begining to be very ſickly, and rice being ſerved out to them in lieu of flour, has cauſed a general diſcontent among the ſoldiery, who deſert daily.

Extract of a letter from Black Swamp, *April* 25.

"A party of 30 ſavages, either Indians or Britiſh painted as Indians, croſſed Savannah river three nights ſince, a few miles below Puryſburgh, proceeded to the houſe of Capt. Hartſton, ſet fire to the buildings on the plantation, murdered and ſcalped an old negro woman; the family no doubt would have met the ſame fate, had they not been fortunate enough to make their eſcape."

Some deſerters arrived here within theſe two days, inform that there are 50 Indians ſtationed in the ſwamps oppoſite Puryſburgh, principally with a view to prevent deſertion in the Britiſh army.

Captain Bentley late of the brig Nancy from Rhode Iſland for this port taken on the 22d inſtant, by a privateer ſloop belonging to the Goodriches, and commanded by one Landsfield, who gave Capt. Bentley and ſome other priſoners a boat to come aſhore, informs of his ſeeing on the 18th inſtant in lat. 34, long. 71, a fleet of about 50 ſail, ſome of them large ſtearing an E. N. E. courſe. And the maſter of a brig, who arrived here on Friday laſt from Rhode Iſland, mentions his falling in on the night of the 20th in the gulph off Cape Hatteras with five large ſhips, two of which carried lights.

Accounts juſt received from Puryſburgh, mention Major Moore being exchanged and arrived there; and that he ſays, it was currently reported and believed in Savannah, that the Jaſon armed ſhip, of 20 guns in the Britiſh government's ſervice, having on board money for the troops in Georgia, with ſix ſail of victuallers under her convoy were taken by three American or French frigates off the capes of Virginia: and that this intelligence had cauſed a general dejection there, particularly among the ſoldiery who had not received any pay for three months paſt; that the Tories who were ſettled up the country, were removing into Savannah, being much alarmed by a late movement of General Lincoln's army. The accounts alſo mention that a party of Indians had again croſſed a little below Puryſburgh, but were driven back, without effecting any miſchief, by one of our picquet guards.

WILLIAMSBURG, MAY 22.

BY advices which his Excellency the Governour has received from the Illinois, we learn, that Mr. Hamilton the Governour of Detroit, came down this ſpring with a party of regulars, Canadians and ſavages, and retook the poſt of St. Vincents, on the Wawbaſh, garriſoned by a ſmall detachment from the Illinois: That the brave and gallant Col. Clarke, conſidering himſelf as reduced by this event, to the alternative of hazarding every thing on one deſperate effort, or of abandoning our Weſtern acquiſitions determined to march with his whole force, conſiſting of about 150 men, including ſome militia of the place, and make a vigorous attack on the enemy. The arrangements he made for this purpoſe were as judicious as the enterpriſe itſelf was heroic and arduous; he found Mr. Hamilton with his party in the fort, which he immediately beſieged, ſo cloſely and vigorouſly that in eighteen hours the whole were made priſoners. A ſcalping party of Indians, which Mr. Hamilton had ſent out, returned to the fort ſoon after the ſurrender of it to the American arms, with the ſavage trophies of their ſucceſs; and inſtantly ſuffered the vengeance due to their outrages on humanity; Col. Clarke has ſent in Governour Hamilton, Monſieur Dechang, judge of the court at Detroit, and a Capt. Lemott, with about 25 priſoners. They were when laſt heard of at New London, in Bedford county. The expreſs which Col. Clarke ſent with the particulars of this expedition, was murdered by the ſavages on his way, and the deſpatches deſtroyed: It is alſo ſaid, that a very large quantity of goods brought from Detroit, for the purpoſe of rewarding the barbarities of their Indian allies, was taken at the ſame time by Col. Clarke.

A letter from the Capt. commandant at Detroit to Governour Hamilton has been intercepted, which conplains that ſince the departure of the latter, the inhabitants were all getting traiterous hearts.

The enemy by the laſt accounts, after having burnt the town of Suffolk, deſtroyed the proviſions there, and plundered its inhabitants, retreated to Portſmouth, where they are ſalting the proviſions they have taken in their depredatory excurſions to the adjacent counties.

To ſhew the barbarous and unmanly diſpoſition of thoſe invaders of our country; we ſubmit to the publick the following facts, authenticated by the teſtimony of one of the parties concerned. Four boys viz. John Phripp, Thomas Walke, Thomas Lawſon, and Peter Bowdoin, who were on their way from Mr. Andrews's ſchool near Suffolk, to their parents in Princeſs Anne county, were overtaken by three of their light horſe, and after ſtriking one of them with a cutlaſs, and the moſt abuſive language, robbed them of their ſhoe and knee buckles, handkerchiefs, money, and all the clothes they had, telling them at the ſame time, they might think themſelves fortunate in not meeting with the Heſſians inſtead of them, as they would not only have robbed them, but would have put them to death. How are the laurels of the Britiſh valour fallen, when, women and boys are now become the objects of their vengeance.

By a Gentleman from St. Euſtatia, we are informed, that a Dutch frigate of 36 guns, after an engagement of three hours, ſunk a Britiſh frigate of 28 guns, for refuſing to deliver up a New England brig which they took within three leagues of Demerara, only the Captain and two Lieutenants were ſaved, who were ſent to the Britiſh Admiral at St. Kitts, immediately on the Dutchman's arrival at St. Euſtatia.

Extract of a letter from General Schuyler *to Congreſs.*

"Five hundred troops have made a forced march from the frontiers of New York, into the Indian country, and have effectually ſurpriſed a principal ſettlement of Onandaga; they burned their town, deſtroyed a quantity of proviſions, took ſome arms and ammunition collected there, killed 12 Indians, and made 33 priſoners. This buſineſs was effected without the loſs of a man on our part, and having marched out and in 180 miles, in five days."

Laſt week was married Doctor JAMES M'CLURG, of this city, to the amiable Miſs SELDEN, of Hampton.

DEATHS.] JASPER CLAYTON, Eſq; of Glouceſter county, after a ſhort illneſs.—Mrs. ELIZABETH CAMM, relict of the late Rev. and Honourable John Camm, deceaſed.—Captain GOODRICH BOUSH, at Norfolk.—CLAUDIUS PETER CARY, fencing maſter, who was endeavouring to get out of the enemies way, died with fatigue in the Diſmal Swamp.—LEMUEL NEWTON, at Kemps landing, in Princeſs Anne county.

I WOULD ſell for caſh or tobacco, the following lands, viz. 400 acres in the county of *Powhatan*, whereon is all neceſſary houſes, in good order, and the land good for corn, wheat, and tobacco, alſo 700 acres in the county of *Brunſwick*, 100 of which is low grounds, 35 miles from *Peterſburg*, the plantation in good order for working 8 or 10 hands, the land is good for corn, wheat, and tobacco, 1000 bearing apple trees, chiefly of latter fruit, equal to any in this ſtate, with 2 or 300 peach trees; Any perſon may ſee the land by applying to the overſeer on the premiſes, and know the terms by applying to me in *Powhatan* county. (1‖) AARON HASKINS.

FOR SALE,

THE ſhip WILLIAM, burthen about 250 hogſheads of tobacco with her ſails, rigging, anchors, &c. as ſhe lies at *Leedſtown*, in *Rappahanock* river. Apply to the ſubſcribers in *Frederickſburg*.

JAMES & ADAM HUNTER,

RICHMOND, *May* 5, 1779.

AS there was not a ſufficient number of members of the *Richmond* ropery, to hold a meeting, when laſt adverti ſed by *James Marſden*; I am inſtructed by the directors, to requeſt a meeting of the ſaid company, at *Gabriel Galts*, the 8 day of next month, and it is deſired, if any of the members cannot attend, that they depute ſome perſon to act in their behalf, as there will be matters of material importance to conſider of.

(1‖) SAMUEL PARSONS.

APRIL 20, 1779.

I HEREBY forewarn all perſons from dealing with my wife *Frances Gill*, alſo from entertaining of her, for ſhe has deſerted her bed and board; therefore, I have determined not to pay any debt that ſhe may contract. (2‖) PETER GILL.

RUN away from the subscriber living in *Spotsylvania* county near *Chiswells* old mines, an outlandish negro man, named JACK, about 34 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, he went off about the last of *October* 1778, had on when he went away, an old newmarket great coat with large mettal buttons, leather breeches, old shoes, and wears a cap, to hide one ear that is cropt on the top, though I do not remember which it is. Whoever takes up the said negro, and brings him to me, shall receive 100 l. (1‖) HENRY CHILES.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN away from the subscriber at *Hampton* on the 27th of last month, a negro fellow of a yellow colour, named GEORGE, about 19 years of age, genteel and well made, speaks good *English*, and very sensible, as complete a waiting boy as perhaps any on the continent; had on a dark blue cloth coat, cape and cuffs of red, and carried off with him sundry other clothes, viz. a *London* brown cloth coat neatly made, fine ruffled shirts, silk hose, nankeen, and tambour wrought waistcoats and breeches, a brace of pocket pistols, &c. He was apprehended in *Gloucester* county, and delivered to a Mr. *William Bentley*, but made his escape, having a considerable quantity of cash with him. Any person securing the said negro in any jail, so as the subscriber may have him again and notice thereof given to me or to Mr. *Andrew Leckie* at *Port Royal*; shall receive the above reward from

(‖) HAMILTON BALLANTINE.

WILLIAMSBURG, *May* 20, 1779.

STRAYED from this city last *Sunday*, a small flea bitten gray mare, has a deep scar of a fistula on her shoulder, and branded on the near buttock . . Whoever brings her to me shall receive 30 dollars reward.

WILLIAM GOODSON.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber, a dark bay horse, 5 years old, about 13½ hands high, his brand if any forgot. Whoever delivers the said horse to me near *Williamsburg*, shall have 10 dollars reward, or 30 dollars on conviction of the theif.

(1‖) JAMES TAYLOR.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber in *James City* county on the night of the 30th of *March*, near *Burwell's* ferry, a sorrel mare, 14 hands high, 3 years old this spring, neither docked nor branded, her off hind foot white as high as the footlock, with a star in her forehead, has had a sore back occasioned by the saddle, and the hairs on her legs are partly off. Whoever will bring the said mare to the subscriber, or to Mr. *Thomas Holt* in *Williamsburg*, shall receive 10 dollars, and on conviction of the thief 50 dollars.

(1‖) MANSFIELD BROWN.

THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or STOLEN from *Williamsburg*, about the first of *April* last, a brown bay horse near 15 hands high, with a hanging mane and switch tail, a small star in his forehead and branded on the near buttock V. is about 8 years old, and is very low in flesh. Whoever delivers him to me in this city, or gives such information that I get him again shall receive the above reward.

(tf) ROBERT PRENTIS.

CAME to my plantation in *Stafford* county, near *Falmouth*, on *Rappahannock* river, in the month of *August* last, a large red cow marked with a cross slit and two notches in each ear, and the end of both horns sawed off, appears to be about 10 years old. Appraised to 10 l.

(1‖) GEORGE FANTT.

THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

DESERTED from *Williamsburg*, six recruits, who were enlisted on the new establishment to serve in the continental army 18 months, in the room of draughts for the said city, *viz. Stephen Hawk*, 5 feet 5 inches high, very stout, has dark brown hair, round shoulders, a down look, and pitted with the smallpox, he pretends to be a sailor, and said he was on board the *Randolph* frigate when she was lost. *William Thompson*, 5 feet 7 inches high, has a pale thin face pock pitted, and has several red spots about his mouth and nose, he is a nailor by trade and commonly wears a leather apron, very talkative when in liquor, and is well known in *Suffolk* and *Portsmouth*. *John Mitchell*, about 6 feet high, pock pitted, ruddy complexion and has short dark brown hair, he commonly wears a round hat bound with gold lace, but as he had a variety of clothes it is impossible to discribe his dress, he said he came from *Baltimore*, and had served three years in the Continental army as a serjeant in one of the *Maryland* battalions. *William Stone*, about 5 feet, 7 or 8 inches high, large eyes dark hair, by trade a blacksmith very talkative when in liquor, had on when he went away, an old light coloured cloth coat, blue jacket and leather breeches, he is well known in *James City* and *Dinwiddie* counties. *James Waters*, about 5 feet, 7 or 8 inches high, pock pitted, short dark brown hair, stout and well made, by trade a plaisterer, commonly wears a light coloured newmarket coat, white flannel jacket, leather breeches, and a round hat. *Jean Lazerat* a *Frenchman* about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, slim made, dark complexion, black hair commonly cued, he speaks broken *English*, had on when he went off, a dark brown jacket, white linen waistcoat and breeches, a cocked hat, and new shoes and stockings. Any person who will apprehend the said deserters and deliver them to the commanding officer of the militia of this city, shall have the above reward, or fifty dollars for each.

TAKEN up, in *Pittsylvania* county, on *Tomahawk* creek, a gray horse colt not cut, about 2 years old, 4 feet 1 inch high, neither docked nor branded, a star in his forehead, and his near hind foot white. Appraised to 18 l. (2‖) JOHN BALL.

TAKEN up, in *Pittsylvania* county, on *Straight Stone* creek, a large brindled cow, appears to be very old, had a white streak down her rump and white on her flank, marked with a crop and half crop in her right ear. Appraised to 10 l. 2‖ JOHN VAUGHAN.

WILLIAMSBURG, *May* 13, 1779.

BY order of Major General *Green*, Quarter-Master General, I am directed to make publick the following resolution of Congress, and to require that all officers in the staff in my district pay strict attention thereto, so far as the same relates to them.

WILLIAM FINNIE, D. Q. M. G.

IN CONGRESS, MARCH 5, 1779.

WHEREAS it will be necessary that in future, certificates be more formally authenticated, to prevent many inconveniencies which may arise similar to those already experienced;

Resolved, that certificates hereafter given by commissioned officers for articles received for the use of the army, be signed with their names at full length, and the rank they hold; and if under a General officer, that the regiment to which they belong be added; that the particular articles received be inserted in the body of the certificate; their value, the time when, and place where received, in letters, not in figures.

That the certificates be directed to the principal of the department, whose duty it is to provide the articles so received; or to his nearest deputy. Separate certificates be given, when ever the articles appertain to several departments.

That officers keep exact copies of the certificates they give, and transmit other copies to the nearest deputy or agent in the department, giving him the necessary information respecting the business; that the deputies transmit copies of all the certificates they pay, to their principals, that enquiry may be made whether the giving the certificate was necessary for the publick service, and whether the things received have been properly applied.

FOR sale, a tract of very valuable LAND in the county of *Berkeley* containing about 900 acres, 150 of which is cleared, and in good order for cropping, likewise 50 acres of good meadow; it has on it a small house, barn, orchard, &c. with an exceeding fine spring, and to prevent any farther trouble, the price is 45s. sterling an acre, or currency, at the course of the exchange. For farther particulars inquire of

(6‖) JAMES NOURSE.

THE treasurer, trustees, and subscribers, to the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of clergymen, collected last *Sunday*, from the two audiences 187 l. 10s. for which they beg leave to return their sincere thanks to the generous contributors. They also take this opportunity of publickly acknowledging their obligations to the late *Lewis Burwell*, Esq; of *Gloucester*, for 100 l. contributed some years ago, a circumstance, which, whilst living, he would not permit to be mentioned. On the day following, they ordered 108 l. to be distributed among four widows and the orphans of four clergymen, and appointed officers for the ensuing year, *viz John Bracken*, treasurer; *James M Fontaine*, *Henry Skyring*, *William Leigh*, *William Andrews*, *Benjamin Blagrove*, and *Thomas Davis*, trustees; the Rev. *Henry John Burgess*, preacher in the morning, and the Rev. *William Hubard*, in the afternoon.

WILLIAM PIERCE Clk.

I HAVE for sale 200 acres of good tobacco land, lying within 2 miles of *Brunswick* courthouse, on both sides the *Reedy* creek, on the main road from the courthouse to *Hicks's Ford*, with an excellent grist mill thereon, newly built with stone; the stream is sufficient to carry two pair of stones exclusive of fulling and bolting works, which would make a complete merchant mill. The mill is distant from *Petersburg* 45 miles, from *Halifax* 40, from *South Quay* and *Pitch* landing 50. This land is clear from stones, except about the mill, which is founded upon a rock from bank to bank; there is on the land a dwellinghouse 32 by 18 (though not finished) a millers house 16 by 12, with good apple and peach orchards. The land may be seen and terms known by applying to me within two miles of the said mill.

(4‖) THOMAS JOHNSON.

FOR sale, 1076 acres of land in *Culpeper* county, on the head of *Rapidan* river, near the *Blue Ridge*, having three small plantations on it, four tobacco houses, a famous young apple and peach orchard, so situated that they seldom miss having fruit. A quantity of the said land yet uncut and as good for tobacco, hemp, and wheat, as any the great mountains affords; also a good range for horses, cattle, hogs, &c. Negroes, money, or loan office certificates will be taken as pay. Any person inclining to purchase may see the land, and know the terms, by applying to me near the premises. (‖) ADAM BANKS.

BOLLING-GREEN, *May* 9, 1779.

A NUMBER of strolling persons going the road by this place, makes it necessary for me to inform the publick at large, that I will not be answerable for any horses that may make their escapes, though the greatest care shall be taken to prevent it. JOHN BAILEY.

FOR SALE,

THE brig CAYES, *Boston* built, 160 hogsheads burthen, a prime sailer, completely fitted for the *European* trade, mounting 6 four pounders, with their carriages, spunges, rammers, &c. now lying in *York* river. For particulars, enquire of Messr. *J. Eyma*, & co. at *York* town. (‖)

TAKEN up, in *Bedford*, near *Nobusiness* mountain, a dark bay horse, about 4 feet 7 inches high, 10 years old, docked, but has no brand perceivable, a star in his forehead, some white hairs in his tail, and has a mealy nose. Posted and appraised to 45 l.

(‖) CHARLES GWATKIN.

TAKEN up, near *Todd's* bridge in *King & Queen*, two likely cows, one a red the other a brindle, both marked with a crop in the right ear, and a swallowfork in the left. Appraised to 34 l.

(2‖) THOMAS BURTON.

REGULUS,

A FINE ſtout bay, ſtands at *Greencroft* on *Appamattox*, to cover mares at 6l. the leap, or 12l. the ſeaſon, the leap money to be paid down and for the ſeaſon, notes payable in *October* next will be taken. Good paſturage for mares *gratis*, but will not be anſwerable for misfortunes. *Regulus* was bred by the late Col. *John Baylor*, from *Fearnought* out of *Jenny Diſmal*, a high blooded imported mare. His performance as a running horſe are well known, having beaten many of the firſt rate running horſes; he was generally the winning horſe when the heats came to be divided. *William Fitzhugh*, Eſq; run him ſix times with ſucceſs. This horſe fell ſo late in the ſeaſon into my hands, that I let him to mares cheaper than any horſe of his blood and performance in the ſtate.

(‖) JOHN BAIRD.

HALIFAX county, *April* 28, 1779.

TAKEN from three men that were found in the woods aſleep, three horſes and a mare, one of the horſes and the mare have been claimed by their owners; the other two I have now in my poſſeſſion, one of them a bright bay, about 4 feet 7 inches high, well made, branded on the near buttock with a large C, trots and paces, and appears to be 10 or 12 years old. The other is a dark bay, about 4 feet 6 inches high, both hind feet white, well made, a ſhort curled tail, appears to be as old as the other, and branded on the near ſhoulder (I believe) with I I. There was alſo found with them, three ſaddles half worn or more, three old bridles, a halter of leather, five bells, two of which is claimed by their owners, one meal bag, which is alſo claimed, two linen wallets, and a pair of old ſaddle bags, new *Virginia* cloth for a coat and waiſtcoat cut out but not made, one old linen ſhirt, two linen ſtocks, and a pair of old yarn hoſe, alſo a very likely rifle gun and ſhot bag, an old piſtol, two fured hats, a pocket dial, and ſeveral other trifles. The owners on proving their property and paying charges, may have them on applying to

(‖) WRIGHT BOND.

COMMITTED to the jail of *Dinwiddie* county, a mulatto fellow who ſays his name is BOB, and that he belongs to *William Hunt Allen* of *Buckingham* county. The owner is deſired to pay charges and take him away. (§) LEWIS LANIER, Jailer.

CAROLINE courthouſe, *April* 24, 1779.

COMMITTED to the jail of this county, a negro fellow who ſays, his name is JOHN, and that he belongs to Mr. *Edlow* of *Charles City* county, living on *James* river; he appears to be between 40 and 50 years of age, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, very black, and much marked with the ſmallpox, has on a blue negro cotton jacket, an old *Virginia* cotton ſhirt, and a pair of *Virginia* cloth breeches. Mr. *Edlow*, or whoever is the owner of the ſaid negro, is deſired to pay charges and take him away as ſoon as poſſible.

(‖) SAMUEL COLEMAN, Jailer.

ALL perſons who have juſt demands againſt the eſtate of *Roe Latimer*, deceaſed, are deſired to bring in their accounts properly authenticated that they may receive payment; and thoſe who are indebted to the ſaid eſtate, are requeſted to pay their reſpective balances to Mr. *Richard Stewart*, in *Peterſburg*, or the ſubſcriber in *Cheſterfield*.

(2‖) JAMES LATIMER, Adminiſtrator.

GOLDFINDER, a fine bay, 15¼ hands high, will cover mares this ſeaſon at *Fairley*'s ordinary, in *Amelia*, at 25 dollars the leap, and 60 dollars the ſeaſon. Good and extenſive paſturage will be found the mares, and the greateſt care taken of them, but will not be anſwerable for accidents.

(2‖) STEPHEN COCKE.

*** *Goldfinder* was got by *Old Fearnought*, his dam by *Whittington*, his grandam by *Old Jolly Roger*, his great grandam was *Creeping Kate*, a mare imported with *Old Jolly Roger*, by Col. *John Spotſwood* and Col. *Bernard Moore*.

ROBERT C. PAGE.
JOHN WALLER.

To be SOLD for ready money, agreeable to the laſt will and teſtament of Richard Lewis, *deceaſed, on* Tueſday *the* 25*th inſtant, if fair, otherwiſe the next fair day,*

A VALUABLE ſaw mill and griſt mill, with the lands and timbers belonging to the ſaid mills, in *Fauquier* county. Alſo a piece of land in the ſaid county, containing about 450 acres.

(4‖) THOMAS SOWEL, Adminiſtrator.

*** All thoſe who are indebted to the eſtate are requeſted to make payment as ſoon as poſſible; and thoſe who have any demands againſt the ſame, to make them known that proper means may be taken for diſcharging them. T. S.

FALMOUTH, *April* 4, 1779.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of land in *Elizabeth City* county, near the mouth of *Hampton* river, containing, by eſtimation, 110 acres. The land is very good and conveniently ſituated for trade, with a good dwelling-houſe, having 4 rooms and a paſſage, but at preſent ſomewhat out of repair, it having been made an hoſpital for ſoldiers. For terms enquire of

HENRICO county. *May* 4. (‖) MILES SELDEN.

Wanted on charter for the WEST INDIES,

PARTS of faſt ſailing *Virginia* pilot boats. For farther particulars enquire of me in this city. (tf) J. H. NORTON.

WILLIAMSBURG, *April* 28, 1779.

WILLIAMSBURG, *May* 4, 1779.

THOSE whom it may concern will pleaſe to take notice, that the agency of this ſtate is conducted by *Benjamin Day*, Eſq; of this city; ſuch perſons as have accounts with me in a publick capacity are deſired to ſettle them with the preſent agent, without loſs of time; and thoſe of a private nature will be ſettled by *Leighton Wood*, *Benjamin Day*, and *Duncan Roſs*, Eſquires, who have ſeverally been ſo obliging as to undertake the management of my domeſtick concerns, during my abſence from this continent. THOMAS SMITH.

WANTED 1000 wt. of good ſnakeroot, to be delivered to Mr. *Gunther* at *York*, or to me in *Northampton*. A reaſonable price will be given for it, and any quantity however ſo ſmall, will be taken

(‖) JOHN L. FULWELL.

Sold at John Greenhow's *ſtore near the church in* Williamſburg, *wholeſale or retail, for ready money*, viz.

INDIA calicoes, chints, cambricks, lawns, handkerchiefs, oznabrugs, ſewing thread and ſilk, a large quantity of cotton and wool cards, table knives and forks, ſhoe knives, butchers knives, great variety of penknives, cutteaus, horſe fleams and beſt lancets, ſheep ſhears, tailors and horſe ſhears, ſciſſars of moſt ſorts, ſhoe buckles, ſleeve buttons, razors, fire ſteels, cheſt locks, hand ſaw files, croſs cut and whip ſaw, do. ſhoemakers raſps and files, variety of blackſmiths files, ink ſtands, a large aſſortment of coat and jacket buttons, logwood, fuſtick, copperas, allum, indigo, ſugar, coffee, roſin, allſpice, brimſtone, epſom ſalts, bark, jallop, ipecacuanha, manna, and various other kinds of uſeful medecines, and many other uſeful articles. (‖)

SIXTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber in *Albemarle* county, near the old courthouſe, a negro fellow named KITT, about 40 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, of a yellowiſh complexion, limps as he walks, one leg and thigh ſmaller than the other, has a ſcar on one of his cheeks, he has worked at the carpenters buſineſs and can do coopers work. Whoever will deliver him to me in *Bedford* county, about 10 miles above *Linches* ferry, ſhall have the above reward, or if ſecured in any county jail ſo that I get him again, ſhall receive 40 dollars, and if taken out of the ſtate and brought home to me 100 dollars.

(‖) EDMUND COBBS,

RUN away from the ſubſcriber in *Rockbridge* county, *Virginia*, three negro men, *viz*. *Emanuel* a large ſtout fellow about 6 feet high, has lately had the ſmallpox, and is much pitted about the noſe, took with him a green coat with red cuffs, pair of red breeches, an old cotton jacket, and two coarſe ſhirts, he formerly belonged to Mr. *John Greenhow* of *Williamſburg*, and is well known in that city. *George*, about 20 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, an *African* born, ſpeaks bad *Engliſh*, took with him a hunting ſhirt, coarſe linen ſhirt, pair of old leather breeches, light coloured cloth leggins, old ſhoes, and a new felt hat. *Gilbert*, about 35 years old, carried with him an old brown coat, old blue cloth breeches, pair leather breeches, three ſhirts, two pair of ſhoes, and a new felt hat, he formerly lived in *Caroline* county, and has a wife there belonging to *Mr. Turner*, it is expected he will make that way. Whoever takes up the ſaid negroes or any one of them, ſo that the owner get them again, ſhall have 20 dollars for each, and if ſent home, 100 dollars for each of them. ‖ WILLIAM ALEXANDER.

ALL perſons having demands againſt the eſtate of the late *Jacob Bruce*, of this city, are requeſted to apply immediately for payment to Mr. *James Shields*, ſheriff of *York* county, and thoſe indebted to the ſaid eſtate are alſo deſired to pay their reſpective balances to the ſaid *Shields*, as the ſituation of the eſtate requires a ſpeedy ſettlement.

(‖) RACHEL BRUCE, Adminiſtratrix.

To be SOLD *to the higheſt bidder for ready money, on* Monday *the* 14*th of* June, *at* Mecklenburg *courthouſe (being court day)*

A TRACT of LAND in the ſaid county containing 1068 acres, adjoining the land of Mr. *William Call*, and lying on the branches of *Butcher*'s creek. (6‖) B. DICKSON.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber on the 22*d of* March, *a mulatto ſlave called* MATT, *about* 25 *years of age*, 5 *feet* 10 *or* 11 *inches high, was inoculated for the ſmall pox laſt* May, *and bears the marks very plain in his face, formerly the property of Mr.* David Ruſſell, *merchant in* Blandford, *who purchaſed him of Mrs.* Jane Vobe *in* Williamſburg, *and is well known by moſt Gentlemen who frequented the general courts in that city. His dreſs when he went off was a blue cloth coat, buff jacket and leather breeches, ſhoe-boots, &c. but as he carried away ſundry other clothes and is a ſenſible fellow, make no doubt but he will change his dreſs, and endeavour to paſs as a free man, he probably may have procured a paſs, as he did once before, when he eloped, in which he changed his name to* William Bird *(alias)* Matt Davenport. *His addreſs being very clever as a waiting-man, he may probably endeavour to hire himſelf to ſome Gentleman. This is to forewarn all maſters of veſſels and others from employing, or harbouring him, as they ſhall anſwer for it at their peril. Any perſon that ſecures the ſaid ſlave ſo that I get him again, ſhall receive* 30 *Dollars reward, and if delivered to me in* Peterſburg 100 *Dollars.*

(tf) *ALEXANDER G. STRACHAN.*

HECTOR, an imported hunter, upwards of 15 hands high, ſtout, ſtrong, active, and well formed, ſtands the enſuing ſeaſon at my houſe near *Blandford*, in *Prince George* county, and will cover mares at 6l. the leap, or 15l. the ſeaſon; the money to be ſent with the mares, or paid before taken away. Paſturage *gratis*, and the greateſt care will be taken of the mares, but will not be liable for eſcapes. *Hector* was imported for a genuine hunter of the ſtouteſt kind, by his Excellency Governour *Reed*, of *Pennſylvania*, his pedigree ſigned by *Richard Croſts*, Eſq; by which his ſtock was from the *Godolphin Arabian*, his dam, out of one of the fineſt mares then in *England*.

(tf) WILLIAM CALL.

MARK ANTHONY

WILL ſtand at my plantation on *Elk* marſh, near *Halifax* town, and will cover mares the enſuing ſeaſon, at 25 dollars the leap, 50 dollars the ſeaſon, or 75 dollars to enſure. Good paſturage *gratis*, but not accountable for eſcapes. B. M'CULLOCK.

February 4, 1778. (16‖)